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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Management and Assessment Staff, DDA

STATINTL FROM:

Acting Director of Security

SUBJECT: Report to the Senate Select Committee  
(Intelligence) on Community Information  
Handling

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Intelligence Information  
Handling Committee dated 31 January 1978,  
same subject

1. Action Requested: None; this memorandum is for your  
information only.

2. Background: Appropriate components of the Office of  
Security have reviewed subject report, which is proposed for  
submission to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence on  
or before 11 February. The Office of Security has also had  
an opportunity to review the draft comments on subject report  
prepared by the Office of Data Processing (ODP) on 6 February  
1978.

3. Staff Position: The Office of Security is in general  
agreement, except as noted below, with the comments prepared  
by the Office of Data Processing. It is suggested, however,  
that the ODP comments be expanded as follows:

a. It is almost unbelievable that a report,  
scheduled for submission to the Senate Select  
Committee on Intelligence is disseminated for  
Community coordination only a few days before its  
intended transmission. The organizational policy  
and procedural proposals contained in the report  
have such far reaching implementation effects that  
the report deserves thorough and detailed coordina-  
tion; this coordination should indeed consider  
options available with reference to solving the  
problems the report details.

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b. Annex C to subject report announces the establishment of a Community Information Systems Office (CISO). While it is not clear how large this component would be, Annex C describes a relatively wide mission. The Office of Security is particularly concerned that the component would encompass a Security and Privacy Standards Branch, which presumably would function as a focal point for Community computer security policy and standards.

The DCI Security Committee has a subcommittee devoted to computer security policy development at the present time. While it might be profitable to transfer this function to the proposed CISO, a move in this direction should not be pursued summarily in the submission of subject report, especially as already noted without detailed Community coordination.

c. The Office of Security concurs in the ODP recommendation that Annexes A, B, and C be forwarded to the Senate Select Committee for Intelligence, although we are reticent to support the transmittal of Annex C at all. Our concurrence in the ODP recommendation is qualified to the extent that all reference to a computer security function in the CISO should be deleted along with the identification of the Security and Privacy Standards Branch. On the other hand, we would have no objection to adding to the brief covering memorandum, suggested by ODP, a statement that further review of information handling activities in the Community might suggest the need for a computer security focal point in the CISO in addition to the functions of the DCI Security Committee in this area

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Draft comments by  
ODP, dtd 6 Feb 78

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**ATTACHMENT**

REFERENCE: Memo for IHC Members, from Chairman IHC, dtd  
31 Jan. 1978, Same Subject, (IHC/M 78-03)

1. Comments regarding referenced report are contained in the following paragraphs and an ODP recommendation is made in the last paragraph.

2. The reference has been reviewed by key members of the ODP staff and they are seriously concerned that insufficient time has been allowed to perform an indepth review of a report with such far-reaching implications. Such organizational and procedural proposals which have not been developed in collaboration with the members of the Intelligence Community should not be forwarded to a Congressional Committee until they have been coordinated with and agreed to by Community members.

3. It is inappropriate to send an organizational charter, Annex D, to Congress before it has been signed.

4. The covering report and Annex E are confusing, inconsistent, and need drastic revision. It is not clear whether the Community Information Systems Office (CISO) is a staff or a line organization. In Annex C it is more clearly a staff organization performing logical staff functions such as monitoring, reviewing, coordinating, advising, guiding, etc., while in the covering report and Annex E the CISO is depicted as performing line functions such as designing, planning, developing alternatives, etc.

5. The line functions reflected in the report and Annex E would require an unnecessary duplication of technical staffs of the Community members.

6. There are a sufficient number of discrepancies between the report and the Annexes that they should not go forward without the full coordination of Community members and a full understanding and acceptance of the procedures being proposed. This can only be accomplished by meeting with the drafters of the report so that questions can be answered and acceptable procedures developed, as needed.

7. Annexes A, B and C are acceptable with some minor changes. The minor changes are listed in the attachment.

8. ODP recommends that Annexes A, B, and C be forwarded to the Senate Select Committee (Intelligence) with a brief covering memo stating essentially the following:

We know we have problems and have formed an organization to coordinate and monitor ADP activities in a Community context. The problems are described in Annexes A and B and the charter for the new organization is in Annex C. We are currently developing procedures for planning and coordinating activities. Our goals for the first year are:

- a. Establish CISO as a central planning organization in February 1978 as a part of the DCI's Resource Management Staff.
- b. Review annual NFIP resource request and identify ADP-T issues needing DCI resolution.
- c. Begin a formal and continuous dialogue with ADP-T offices in the Intelligence Community as well as program managers to keep abreast of operating systems, systems under development, and new ADP initiatives.
- d. Respond to Congressional needs for ADP-T information as required. Begin identifying and examining major FY-79-84 issues as previously requested by SSCI.
- e. Undertake selected studies and technical evaluations in problem areas in support of resource management decision making.
- f. Undertake actions to evaluate the feasibility of a "Community Information Handling System (CIHS)."

We will report to you in one year on our progress.

3 February 1978  
Attachment A

ODP Recommended Changes to Memorandum Dated 31 January 1978  
from Chairman IHC, subject: Report to the Senate Select  
Committee (Intelligence) on Community Information Handling

Annex A

Page

2 For the line entry starting with CIA/SAFE:  
change 1) "CIA/SAFE" to "SAFE";  
change 2) "CIA/Support" to "Support";  
change 3) "CIA" to "DIA/DIA".

2 Delete the line entry starting with DIA/SAFE.

18 The average age of Model 360/67 is listed as  
1.2 years. The CIA 360/67 was installed in 1969.  
Recommend the average age figure be verified.

Annex B

No recommendations.

Annex C

C-2 Fifth line - change "carry out" to "coordinate".

C-2 In footnote (x) - delete ", as defined in Annex d".

C-8 Para. 2 under FUNCTIONS - change "To design and establish" to "To establish the requirements for and monitor the development of".

C-11 It is not clear what the Contractor Support functions of the Community Planning Division are. It is believed they should be:  
Coordinate planning for Contractor Support.  
Coordinate contract monitoring and administration.

C-14 Para. 3 under FUNCTIONS - Change "develop" to "coordinate".